

## GERMANS AGAIN WIN GROUND IN VERDUN ATTACK

Follow Up Gain in Malancourt Wood—Heavy Fire Blocks Advance.

CLAIM 2,500 CAPTIVES; 2 COLONELS INCLUDED

Berlin Says French Counter Thrust Was Repulsed With Serious Loss.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
LONDON, March 22.—The German attack on Malancourt yesterday afternoon against the Malancourt-Avois front, on the west bank of the Meuse, was continued last night with the same support of heavy artillery and the throwing of liquid fire. By these attacks the Germans, who already in the afternoon had made progress in the wooded country to the south of Malancourt, gained possession of the Avois front, which is the southeastern part of the Malancourt wood, but were prevented by the French from advancing further.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

The German attack on Malancourt could possibly make any difference in the position of affairs. The Germans, aided by artillery emplacements and flame throwers to surprise the first French trenches and gain a couple of hundred feet advance.

The French very well know cannot in any way affect the final issue of the battle for Verdun, which already has been decided. Having failed in the Malancourt attack, they are now seeking to maintain the attack until Friday, when the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Hertling, has promised to deliver his long-awaited statement on foreign affairs in the Reichstag.

German Claim 2,500 Prisoners.  
The assaults in which the Germans made their advance were made by Bavarian regiments and battalions of Wurtemberg Landwehr. In the phraseology of the German official statement issued this afternoon, the Germans storming the entire strongly fortified French positions in and near the forest south of Malancourt.

The German statement describes the loss of the French in killed and wounded as "considerable" and says that in addition thirty-two officers, including two in command of regiments, and more than 2,500 unarmored men were taken prisoners.

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French Artillery Checks Germans.  
The French night communiqué follows:

In the Ardennes there was grenade fighting at La Harpe Chevalier. Our artillery scored a destructive fire on the German works on the sides of the road from Vienne le Chateau to Reims.

On the left bank of the Meuse the bombardment continues with violence in the region of Malancourt. In the night of March 20-21 our aeroplanes continued to harass the railway stations of Digneux-Meuse and Andernach and German bivouacs in the region of Vigneulles (in the St. Mihiel salient).

German Gain in Malancourt Wood.  
The text of the afternoon French communiqué follows:

In Belgium a reconnaissance on the part of the enemy which took place on the night of March 20-21.

## \$5,000,000 FOR EMPLOYEES.

General Electric Co. to Pay 5 Per Cent. Bonus.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 21.—E. W. Rice, president of the General Electric Company, announced today that the company intends to give its employees a bonus of 5 per cent. of the annual wage of all who have been with the company for five years or longer. This will be paid in two installments, the first in August and the second in February. Fifty thousand employees will profit by the plan.

The announcement reads: "The board of directors has set aside a sum sufficient to permit the payment of all employees (other than directors and general officers) who shall have been in its service consecutively for five or more years (determined as of June 30 and December 31, 1916, respectively) supplementary compensation."

By the arrangement of two payments many men in the works here who would not be entitled to participate in the distribution of all were paid in one installment will share in the second distribution, having completed the five years' service between June 30 and December 31.

## KILLED FOR CURSING WILSON.

Greek Shoots Greek, Both Naturalized, Because of Insult.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 21.—Gus Siliak, naturalized Greek, was shot and killed here today by his Argentinian adopted citizen, when he cursed the President. A third man was wounded by the second bullet fired at Siliak.

The two principals were engaged in an argument about the war when the incident took place. Argentinian was arrested after attempting to escape.

## COLE YOUNGER, BANDIT, ROBBER, DIES AT 72

Last of Notorious Brothers Who Terrorized West—25 Years in Prison.

LEAS, Minn., March 21.—Thomas Coleman Younger, notorious as Cole Younger, border rider, bandit and bank robber, died here today, aged 72 years. He was the last of three brothers who with the James boys terrorized the middle West for years with their desperate deeds.

Bob Younger died when the three brothers were serving a term in the Minnesota penitentiary. Jim Younger committed suicide in St. Paul in 1902, about a year after Cole and he had been set free on parole after serving twenty-five years in prison for their various crimes. When captured in Minnesota they had seized the opportunity of life imprisonment for murder to plead guilty.

The three Younger brothers were born in Missouri. They were all powerfully built men who could ride any horse, and were all equally well with either hand. Their father, a mail carrier, was shot by bandits. Cole and Jim were driven from their home in the civil war. After the war the three brothers joined with the James boys, robbing banks in Missouri, holding up stage coaches and stealing horses.

They killed many men, but their boast was that they never shot any person in cold blood. One of their most daring exploits was a \$10,000 robbery in a bank in Corydon, Ia.

They broke with the James brothers after a bank robbery in which Jim lost a trail of blood as he fled on horseback, aided by his brothers. The James boys wanted to go on, but Cole and Jim refused, traveling slowly and remaining with their wounded brother.

The Youngers finally were driven out of Missouri and then attempted the robbery of a bank in Northfield, Minn. Many men were killed in the raid, but the robbers were driven from the town, leaving two comrades behind and without the money. Finally they were captured and sent to prison. After Cole was released, he returned to this town.

## BRYAN OUT FOR WILSON.

No Other Name for Convention—Saved Party in 1912.

LEICESTER, Neb., March 21.—William J. Bryan came out openly today for the re-nomination of President Wilson. The battle will be in other words, date at the St. Louis convention.

"I am a candidate for delegate at large to that convention," said Mr. Bryan, "and if my friends who suddenly have become friends of Woodrow Wilson can save him better than myself let them send some one else to the convention. Wilson owes me nothing he has more than paid it back by giving himself to the nation as President instead of Roosevelt."

Bryan intimated that he believed the bureau making the offer was backed by interests which desired to keep him out of politics.

## RUSSIANS IN ISPAHAN.

New Control Practically All of Western Persia.

LONDON, March 21.—Russian troops entered Isfahan, the old capital of Persia, on March 19, according to a Reuters despatch from Teheran.

The capture of this important Persian city indicates that the Russian army is almost completely in control of western Persia. Isfahan is about 250 miles southeast of Teheran.

The Russian army split into two divisions, one heading southwest to the relief of the names of forty-three officers, of whom thirteen were killed, and of 223 men, of whom 207 were killed.

## Day's British Losses, 870.

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## CZAR'S TROOPS LAUNCH THREE NEW ATTACKS

Gain Important Successes on the Bukovina and Wilna Fronts.

AUSTRIANS HEW WAY THROUGH FOE'S LINE

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LONDON, March 21.—On three vital points of the long battle line in the east the Russians have during the last forty-eight hours launched violent offensives against the Germans and Austrians. According to official admissions from Berlin and Vienna the new efforts of the Czar's troops, whose chief aim is to divert Russian reinforcements from the western front and force a dislocation of the attacks on Verdun, have been crowned by two important successes.

The regions in which the Russians have struck the initial blows of their new offensive are the Riga-Dvinsk sector, the Naroc Lake front, due east of Wilna, and the Austrian positions guarding Czernowitz, the Bukovina capital, from the north. On the two last named fronts Russian successes are recorded.

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Important Gains for Russians.  
The bridge fortifications which thus fell into Russian hands have been successfully defended by the Austrians for six months. They were held against all the furious assaults of the last Russian offensive in the southwest. Their fall therefore, represents the most important Russian gain since the establishment of the new front in the east.

In the extreme north, according to the German official statement, the Russian offensive in the Riga-Dvinsk sector, the Naroc Lake front, due east of Wilna, and the Austrian positions guarding Czernowitz, the Bukovina capital, from the north. On the two last named fronts Russian successes are recorded.

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## NO PEACE WORD FROM BERN, YES U.S. HOPES

Request to Start Negotiations Not Made, as Reported, Say Officials.

TIME MAY BE NEAR FOR ENDING OF WAR

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Germany has not asked the United States to initiate peace negotiations. The Department has no information that Mr. Gerard was asked to postpone his vacation because of peace negotiations.

This official statement, made public by the acting Secretary of State this afternoon, disposes of a report published in a New York newspaper today. The report said Germany had suggested to the United States that the time was ripe for the initiation of peace negotiations.

Mr. Gerard had been asked by Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, to postpone his vacation while negotiations were under consideration.

Careful inquiry by The Sun fails to bring to light any definite move in this direction of prospective peace between the belligerent Powers. President Wilson is authoritatively stated, had no official information indicating that either Germany or the Allies are making an understanding on the question of peace than they were months ago.

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## MORE TROOPS SENT TO FUNSTON; JOINT ARMIES ENCIRCLE VILLA; FOIL HIS ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUT

Fifth U. S. Cavalry Ordered to Proceed to Border at Once.

FORT MYER SQUADRON ALREADY ON WAY

Twenty-fourth Infantry Going From Cheyenne, Baker Announces.

WILSON AGREES TO PLAN OF PROTOCOL

Carranza Expected to Grant Use of Railway—Border Reported Quiet.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—At the request of Major Gen. Funston the War Department tonight issued orders to the Fifth Cavalry to proceed at once to the border.

The regiment at present is distributed in the following manner: at Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and Fort Myer, Va. These troops have been under waiting orders since last week and will now get under way immediately. The squadron at Fort Myer left tonight on the Southern Railway, and is due to reach the border the latter part of this week.

Whether the Fifth is to go into Mexico at once or to take the place of other troops sent to reinforce Gen. Pershing was not announced. It is understood, however, that Pershing has asked for more infantry and that the Fifth Cavalry will take the place of the Twenty-third Infantry or some other regiment sent to the border.

The addition of the Fifth Cavalry, will be used principally in guarding the lines of communication, although with unofficial reports stating that Villa is in the neighborhood of the border.

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Mexicans Friendly, Says Baker.  
After examining all dispatches received at the War Department up to 10 o'clock tonight, Secretary Baker announced that the latest news from Pershing indicated that the attitude of the Mexican natives toward the expedition was still friendly.

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## U. S. ASSURED CARRANZA IS IN COMPLETE HARMONY

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Gratifying indications of complete harmony between the United States and Carranza Governments relative to the campaign against Villa were expressed by Senor Arredondo, the Mexican Ambassador Designate, after his conference with acting Secretary of State Polk this afternoon.

"I expect the joint protocol will be agreed to by both Mexico and the United States within the next forty-eight hours," said Senor Arredondo. He added that he was in daily communication with Gen. Carranza, and that the negotiations were proceeding in the most amicable spirit with a view to helping both Mexico and the United States.

Senor Arredondo said the protocol would contain four or five major provisions relative to the Villa expedition. It would not be necessary, he said, to communicate the full contents of the provision to Gen. Carranza after it had been agreed on here, nor to wait for official endorsement of it, for the reason that Gen. Carranza has been kept advised of the negotiations step by step, and already knows practically all that the protocol will contain.

Reports that the Carranza forces had attacked the Villa bandits reached Senor Arredondo here today, but no details of the fighting have so far come to him from official sources.

Bandit Chief Is in Sore Straits, Mormon Scouts Report.

BEATEN WHEN HE TRIES TO MAKE PASS

Hurled Back Toward Advancing Americans Near Namiquipa.

TROOPERS 14 HOURS A DAY IN SADDLE

Lieut. Bowen Injured by Fall From Airship—Air Conditions Bad.

CASAS GRANDES, by wireless to Columbus, N. M., March 21.—With the tightening of the cordon around Villa to the south a report reached Gen. Pershing today that bandits attempted to break the circle of steel at Namiquipa but were driven back into a trap by a Carranza force under Luis Herera.

Reports were received from native spies and Mormon scouts to the effect that the Villa band is in sore need of horses and that his General Bracamonte and Servantes, were dispatched on raids to get some.

Gen. Pershing is in constant communication with units of the over-arching movement of American troops, all of which are striving for the honor of first contact with the band.

Condition of men and horses in detached columns is reported good. The troops are learning to eat dried Mexican beef and live off the country. The Villistas, horses are now hardened and acclimated, capable of pursuit as soon as the location of the Villa force is determined.

Lieut. Bowen, injured again, is improving. Aeroplanes continue scouting flights over mountains to the south, with results of reconnoitering kept secret. Motor lorries bringing supplies for the aero squadron arrived after two days trip overland.

"SAFETY FIRST" HIS PLAN, SAYS FUNSTON

Admits He Asked for "Safety First" Plan.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21.—Gen. Funston was questioned today as to how many troops he has asked the War Department to send.

"A fairly large force," was his reply. The general said he did not expect an attack, but he wanted to play "safety first" and take no chances.

The three squadrons of the Fifth Cavalry which have been ordered to the front are widely scattered. One is at Fort Myer, Va.; a second is at Fort Sheridan, Ill.; about twenty miles north of Chicago, the third is at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. These troops made up the twelve troops of the regiment.

The number of troops in the northern Department and in Mexico now are approximately 10,000. Gen. Funston said these could not be moved from their present positions. The request for troops means that he will be brought from other departments.

A report from the Quartermaster at Columbus to Fort San Antonio gives the movement of trucks and mules in detail. It stated that wagon train No. 4 had arrived at Columbus and that a motor truck company No. 2, consisting of twenty-seven heavy cars, had been sent on. Also that part of auto truck company No. 2 had gone, but that some cars had been delayed by missing parts to the wagon beds or boxes.

Civilian men the trucks. The official information declared, despite the claims without holding or showing that they could not be moved off at all. The trucks were being moved to capacity and the result was that the quartermaster was compelled to keep the trucks, cars and other things until his store was exhausted.

Department headquarters has not heard direct from Gen. Pershing since Monday night. Gen. Pershing could not admit communication had been cut off and planned some delay caused by the accidental breaking of one of the telegraph wires, commonly called a "chicken wire." This damage, however, was said to have been repaired and in a short time the long silence from the front had been broken by missing parts to the wagon beds or boxes.

VILLA IS DEFEATED.

Gen. Pershing Confirms Report of Carranza Victory.

EL PASO, Tex., March 21.—Here were less messages reaching the border today from Gen. Pershing, some place south of Casas Grandes, Mexico, reporting the capture of Villa yesterday.

## THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Increasing cloudiness to-day; rain or snow at night and to-morrow.

Highest temperature yesterday, 39; lowest, 26.

Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 13.

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